**Dr. Frances Keesler Graham Early Career Professorship**

**Submission Form**

**Application Process**

Applications should first be submitted for approval to the candidate’s Department Head and then to the College Dean. Each Dean may submit up to two proposals to [ssri-seed-grant@psu.edu.](mailto:ssri-seed-grant@psu.edu.).

**Timeline:**

***Note: Statements of support from Department Heads and Deans need to be requested in time to meet the following deadlines:***

**September 9, 2022**: **5:00 pm** - Proposals are due to SSRI from the Dean

**October 7, 2022:** Funding decision announced

The application should be no more than three single-spaced pages, not including items 4-6 below. Samples of previously awarded applications can be made available upon request.

1. Title of project and name and affiliation of the candidate
2. Goals for the Dr. Frances Keesler Graham Early Career Professorship

* Describe the research area and its significance for developmental neuroscience and the social and behavioral sciences, more generally.
* Explain how the Professorship will play a significant role in advancing the candidate’s research, teaching, and engagement.

1. Activity Plan

* Describe the activities that will be undertaken during the Professorship period, including how these activities will advance the goals of the Professorship and a timeline for their accomplishment.
* Explain how the Professorship will lead to a proposal for external funding.

1. Budget for a research project/program extending over 3 years with maximum expenditure of $20K per year.
2. NIH biosketch

6. Statements of support from the Department Head and Dean

Items 1-5 should be saved in a ***single PDF document*** for forwarding to [ssri-seed-grant@psu.edu](mailto:info@ssri.psu.edu).

**Review Criteria**

* Merits of the proposal, including its innovation, significance and relevance to psychological and brain science, developmental neuroscience and the social and behavioral sciences
* Qualifications of the candidate
* Clarity, rigor, and feasibility of the work plan
* Likelihood of an external proposal resulting from the Professorship.

**Progress Reports**

The Awardee will provide a progress report at the end of the funding period (Year 3), highlighting progress made and tangible outcomes (e.g. papers, presentations, proposals).